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SUBJ: PC PIT SILO PROJECT

STATE PLEASE PASS TO MCADAMS, ADO/DAKAR
OUAGADOUGOU FOR SPENCER
FROM CHARGE

1. BASED DISCUSSIONS WITH MCADAMS DURING LAST VISIT, CHARGE AND
PCD WERE OF IMPRESSION THAT HE CONCURRED WITH CONCEPT OF PROPOSED
LIVESTOCK SERVICE --PC PIT SILOS PROJECT, AND WOULD PROVIDE AID
SUPPORT IF FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE. (STATE 150890 CONFIRMING
THIS SUPPORT FURTHER ENCOURAGED CONCERNED PARTIES TO PURSUE THE
PROJECT'S DEVELOPMENT.)

2. WE ARE, THEREFORE, A BIT CONCERNED BY RECENT RELUCTANCE
EXPRESSED BY ADO STAFF/DAKAR TO PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT. ALSO,
FEEL THEIR OBJECTIONS ARE BASED ON AN INCORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF
PROJECT. IN SHORT, AS RELATED TO YOU IN BAMA KO, PROJECT IS NOT
AIMED AT LARGE MIGRATORY HERDS, NOR AT LIVESTOCK RAISED FOR
PRODUCTION. PROJECT'S ORIENTATION IS STRICTLY IN TERMS OF SEDENTARY
WORK ANIMALS, PRINCIPALLY THOSE USED FOR ANIMAL TRACTION--
PLOWING, ETC. FOR RAINY SEASON CROP PRODUCTION. (300,000 PLUS
CATTLE FALL IN THIS CATEGORY ACCORDING LIVESTOCK SERVICE). VALUE
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OF PROPOSED PROJECT IS THAT IT PROVIDES SEDENTARY FARMERS WITH

A MEANS OF IMPROVING NUTRITION AND HEALTH OF THEIR WORK OXEN DURING THE DRY SEASON, WITHOUT ANY COST TO THE FARMER OTHER THAN HIS LABOR, WHEREAS OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR SAME POPULATION GENERALLY IMPLY FUTURE CASH INPUT BY THE FARMER.

IN THE CASE OF HERDS DESTINED FOR MEAT PRODUCTION, A SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAM INCURRING COSTS TO GROWER (SUCH AS COTTONSEED OR GRAIN) SHOULD WORK AS THE INCREASED VALUE OF THE OWNER'S CATTLE WOULD PROBABLY BRING ADEQUATE COMPENSATION TO COVER THE ADDED COST. FOR THE SEDENTARY FARMER WITH 2 OR 3 WORK OXEN, HOWEVER, THE ADDITIONAL COST IS PROBABLY NOT FEASIBLE DUE TO THE VERY LOW NET REVENUES OF THE CONCERNED CULTIVATORS. THE STRIKING THING ABOUT THE PROPOSED PIT SILO PROJECT IS THAT IT PERMITS A FARMER TO MAINTAIN WEIGHT AND STRENGTH OF HIS WORK ANIMALS DURING THE DRY SEASON AT LEVELS ATTAINED DURING RAINY SEASON SO THAT THEY ARE IN SHAPE TO DO THE HEAVY CULTIVATING WORK THE FOLLOWING SEASON. (PREVIOUS TESTS WITH THE SAME METHODS BY CNRZ/SOTUBA AND SAMANKO HAVE PROVEN EFFICACY OF APPROACH. MALI LAIT HAS ALSO HAD GOOD RESULTS WITH DAIRY CATTLE AT OUELESSEBOUGOU.)

3. I HAVE DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH PC STAFF AS WELL AS PCV RUNNING PILOT PROJECT. AM VERY IMPRESSED WITH THOROUGH, CAREFUL PLANNING EXHIBITED BY PROGRAMMING TO DATE. AM ALSO IMPRESSED BY STRONG GOM SUPPORT AND INTEREST FOR PROJECT EXHIBITED BY DIRECTOR LIVESTOCK SERVICE AND MINISTER PRODUCTION. URGE ADO/DAKAR'S SUPPORT FOR EXCELLENT PROJECT.

4. PCD/MALI ESTIMATES THAT 10 VOLUNTEER, 2 YEAR CYCLE, WILL REQUIRE A TOTAL MAXIMUM OF DOLLARS 45,000 - 50,000 (JOB RELATED SUPPLIES AND EQPT.; DEMONSTRATION UNITS; AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS; 5 VEHICLES, SIMILAR CITROEN 3-CV'S; VEHICLE OPERATING EXPENSES.) PCD/MALI HAS MET WITH OXFAM REP RE PROJECT WHO EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST PROVIDE 10,000 - 12,000. EMBASSY IS WILLING TO CONSIDER SELF-HELP ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, FEEL THAT PROJECT MORE

APPROPRIATELY FALLS WITHIN GENERAL AID DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE, AND PROVIDES EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY ASSIST IN A VIABLE PROJECT
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WHICH HAS STRONG GOM SUPPORT.

5. HCD INFORMS ME THAT HE MUST SUBMIT PC 104 IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENT BY BQIQCTOBER. BEFORE HE CAN REQUEST PCV'S MUST BE CERTAIN OF SUFFICIENT FUNDING. IF YOU AGREE WITH EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT, WOULD APPRECIATE CABLED CONCURRENCE IN PRINCIPLE AS WELL AS REQUEST FOR MAXIMUM SUPPORT AND COOPERATION FROM ADO/

DAKAR STAFF.
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